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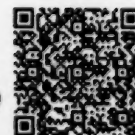
**Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative
of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General***

I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 22 September 2017, on the "sentence" of the so-called "Zaliznychnyi district court of the city of Simferopol" in the case of a citizen of Ukraine, Mykola Semena (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Volodymyr Yelchenko
Ambassador
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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the "sentence" of the so-called "Zaliznychnyi district court of the city of Simferopol" in the case of a citizen of Ukraine, Mykola Semena

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over yet another shameful act of infringement of the fundamental freedoms and the rights of Ukrainian citizen, journalist Mykola Semena.

The groundless and politically motivated "sentence" of Mykola Semena by the occupation court to 2.5 years in prison with probation proves again that repressions are targeted by the aggressor state against the residents of the occupied Ukrainian territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls upon the foreign governments and international human rights organizations not to leave the new attack by Russia, the aggressor state, against fundamental freedoms on the territory of the temporarily occupied Crimea without response.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 25 September 2017, on the Moscow City Court's decision in the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the Moscow City Court's decision in the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest with regard to the Moscow City Court's decision as of September 25, 2017, on the two months extension of detention of Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia under the fabricated charges.

The unjustified detention of Ukrainian journalist in the Russian Federation under politically motivated charges of espionage is yet another proof of the absence of a justice system and the right to a fair trial in this country.

We call on the international community, international human rights institutions to take all possible legal, political and economic measures to release and return to Ukraine its citizens, who are illegally detained on the territory of Russia under fabricated, politically motivated charges.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the thematic report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled "Situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)" (see annex).

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the thematic report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled "Situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)"

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine welcomes the thematic report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights "Situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)" launched on September 25. This report is a result of the hard fact finding work on the systematic violations of human rights by the Russian Federation in the illegally occupied Crimea, the logical summarizing and generalization of human rights violations recorded and documented by OHCHR during the period from February 2014 to September 2017.

The scale of internationally wrongful acts and human rights violations committed by the Russian occupation authorities in the Crimea prove that the Russian Federation blatantly violates its international legal obligations under The Hague and Geneva Conventions. In addition to the facts of explicit crimes committed by the occupation authorities in the Crimea against the Crimean Tatars, Ukrainians and all those who continue to bravely oppose the Russian occupation, the report contains a number of specific cases of illegal detention, enforced disappearances and abductions, extrajudicial executions and other violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms.

We proceed from the premises that the report is the first step towards the systematic implementation of the provisions of the UNGA Resolution 71/205, which, together with the GA Resolution 68/262, are the basic documents that confirm the territorial integrity of Ukraine, condemn the temporary occupation the part of Ukraine's territory — AR Crimea and Sevastopol — by the Russian Federation, and they do not recognize the annexation of the peninsula.

We emphasize once again, that only with the comprehensive implementation of the above-mentioned UNGA resolutions and the consolidation of international pressure on Russia as an occupying power, one can achieve a partial improvement of the human rights situation, including the implementation by Russia of the order of the International Court of Justice in case Ukraine vs the Russian Federation regarding the application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Ukraine, at all stages of the preparation of the report, supported the OHCHR and the UN Human Rights Mission in Ukraine activities, having spared no effort to ensure that the Mission's experts were able to access the temporarily occupied territory of Crimea. Unfortunately, contrary to the requirements of the Resolution 71/205 and the numerous calls of the international community, this time the Russian Federation has once again ignored the UN mandate. As a result, the UN observers have been prevented from visiting the occupied territory of the peninsula.

Ensuring permanent direct international monitoring of the situation by the existing conventional and institutional mechanisms of the United Nations and other international organizations that, among other factors, will play a role of the control mechanism to monitor Russia's compliance with its obligations as an occupying

power, in accordance with international humanitarian law, remains one of the priorities of the international democratic community.

We call upon the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner of the United Nations to continue their efforts to fully implement Resolution 71/205.

We expect that the international community will continue the systematic pressure on the Russian Federation with the aim to end the violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the illegally occupied Crimea as well as to achieve the de-occupation of the peninsula.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegal sentencing of the Deputy Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Ilmi Umerov (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegal sentencing of the Deputy Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Ilmi Umerov

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest against the criminal, illegal and politically motivated sentence towards one of the leaders of Crimea Tatars' national movement, Deputy Head of Mejlis Mr. Ilmi Umerov, whom the Kremlin's occupation authorities ordered to imprison for 2 years in penal settlement. The sentence looks especially cynical taking into account Mr. Umerov's age and the state of health. The lack of proper health assistance in imprisonment may lead to catastrophic consequences for him.

In spite of international pressure, Russia continues to exercise its shameful policy of oppression against independent leaders of the occupied Crimea, including Crimea Tatars, with a view of intimidating all pro-Ukrainian community of the peninsula. The Russian occupants do not only commit the gross violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms, but also ignore the relevant decisions taken by the international institutions, in particular UN General Assembly Resolution "Situation of Human Rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)" of 19 December 2016 and the International Court of Justice Order on the Provisional Measures within the claim of Ukraine against Russia on the application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls on international partners of Ukraine to properly assess this illegal and politically motivated decision as well as to demand from Russia to immediately release Mr. Umerov. Only strong international political solidarity strengthened with economic sanctions is able to counter the Kremlin's criminal and aggressive policy as well as to stop the full destruction of fundamental human rights and freedoms in the temporarily occupied Crimean peninsula.